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Introduced by
Senator O'Halleran

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2815, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE MEDICAL
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2815, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-2815. Additional board duties; bone densitometry
5 certification; nuclear medicine; continuing
6 education; radiologist assistants

7 A. The board shall adopt rules regarding the certification of
8 practical technologists in bone densitometry to allow the certificate holder
9 to apply ionizing radiation to a person's extremities through the use of a
10 bone densitometry machine. The rules shall prescribe:

11 1. The minimum education and training qualifications for
12 certification. The qualifications prescribed by the board shall allow a
13 person who does not meet the education and training requirements of a
14 radiologic technologist or a practical technologist in radiology to obtain a
15 certificate as a practical technologist in bone densitometry.

16 2. The application and renewal fees.

17 3. The definition of a practical technologist in bone densitometry.

18 B. Subsection A does not prohibit a radiologic technologist or a
19 practical technologist from operating a bone densitometry machine.

20 C. Beginning on January 1, 2004, a person who wishes to practice as a
21 nuclear medicine technologist must apply to the board for certification as
22 prescribed by the board by rule. The board shall adopt rules to establish
23 minimum educational and training requirements for nuclear medicine
24 technologists. For the purposes of this subsection, "nuclear medicine
25 technologist" means a person who uses radiopharmaceutical agents on humans
26 for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

27 D. The board shall adopt rules to prescribe the following minimum
28 continuing education requirements for the renewal of the following
29 certificates:

30 1. Practical technologist in podiatry, two hours every two years.

31 2. Practical technologist in radiology, six hours every two years.

32 3. Practical technologist in bone densitometry, one hour every two
33 years.

34 4. Unlimited practical technologist in radiology, twenty-four hours
35 every two years.

36 5. Nuclear medicine technologist, twenty-four hours every two years.

37 E. Beginning on August 1, 2004, the board may require an applicant for
38 renewal to document compliance with the appropriate continuing education
39 requirements of subsection D.

40 F. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, A PERSON WHO WISHES TO PRACTICE AS A
41 RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MUST APPLY TO THE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION AS PRESCRIBED
42 BY THE BOARD BY RULE. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM
43 EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION
44 FOR RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.